



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1087

LCO No. 4249

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONNPACE PRESCRIPTION DRUG
REVIEWS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-492 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (NEW) (h) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation
4 with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall establish and
5 implement, in accordance with this subsection, a ConnPACE
6 prescription drug review pilot program for the purpose of reviewing
7 the prescription drugs that are prescribed to ConnPACE program
8 beneficiaries and eliminating the use of unnecessary drugs.

9 (1) The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish eligibility
10 requirements for participation in the program so that program
11 participants include those ConnPACE program beneficiaries that have
12 (A) the highest number of prescribed drugs, (B) the highest annual
13 prescription drug costs, and (C) participated in the ConnPACE
14 program for the longest period of time.

15 (2) Participants in the pilot program shall meet, in person, with a
16 licensed pharmacist who shall conduct a comprehensive drug therapy
17 review. The drug therapy review shall include, but not be limited to,
18 an assessment of polypharmacy, prescription errors, appropriateness
19 of prescriptions, prescription drug adherence, adverse drug events,
20 and drug cost effectiveness.

21 (3) The pilot program shall commence on or before January 1, 2010,
22 and shall terminate not later than October 1, 2012.

23 (4) The Commissioner of Social Services shall report, in accordance
24 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
25 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
26 relating to human services not later than January 1, 2013, concerning
27 the results of such pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	17b-492
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Statement of Purpose:

To save money in the ConnPACE program by ensuring that program beneficiaries are on effective medication therapies.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]